

DI 44. (New) The method of Claim 41 wherein the antibody has the epitopic specificity as an antibody having as its variable light and heavy chain sequences the amino acid sequences contained in SEQ ID NOs:2 and 4 respectively.

45. (New) The method of Claim 41 wherein the antibody has the epitopic specificity as an antibody having as its variable light and heavy chain sequences the amino acid sequences contained in SEQ ID NOs:6 and 8 respectively.

46. (New) The method of Claim 41 wherein the antibody has the epitopic specificity as an antibody having as its variable light and heavy chain sequences the amino acid sequences contained in SEQ ID NOs:10 and 12 respectively.

47. (New) The method of Claim 42 wherein the antibody has the same epitopic specificity as an antibody having as its variable light and heavy chain sequences the amino acid sequences in SEQ ID NOs:2 and 4 respectively.

48. (New) The method of Claim 42 wherein the antibody has the same epitopic specificity as an antibody having as its variable light and heavy chain sequences the amino acid sequences in SEQ ID NOs:6 and 8 respectively.

49. (New) The method of Claim 42 wherein the antibody has the same epitopic specificity as an antibody having as its variable light and heavy chain sequences the amino acid sequences in SEQ ID NOs:10 and 12 respectively.

✓ 50. (New) The method of Claim ~~43~~<sup>1</sup> wherein the antibody has the same epitopic specificity as an antibody having as its variable light and heavy chain sequences a polypeptide having the amino acid sequences contained in SEQ ID NOs:2 and 4 respectively.

3 51. (New) The method of Claim ~~43~~<sup>1</sup> wherein the antibody has the same epitopic specificity as an antibody having as its variable light and heavy chain sequences a polypeptide having the amino acid sequences contained in SEQ ID NOs:6 and 8 respectively.

4 52. (New) The method of Claim ~~43~~<sup>1</sup> wherein the antibody has the same epitopic specificity as an antibody having as its variable light and heavy chain sequences a polypeptide having the amino acid sequences contained in SEQ ID NOs:10 and 12 respectively.

53. (New) The method of Claim 41 which comprises administration of a antibody having as its variable light and heavy chain sequences the amino acid sequences contained in SEQ ID NOs:2 and 4 respectively.

54. (New) The method of Claim 41 which comprises administration of a antibody having as its variable light and heavy chain sequences the amino acid sequences contained in SEQ ID NOs:6 and 8 respectively.

55. (New) The method of Claim 41 which comprises administration of a antibody having as its variable light and heavy chain sequences the amino acid sequences contained in SEQ ID NOs:10 and 12 respectively.

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